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Difficulties having arisen between the crew and the captain, the officers of the Zebruge about their wages the sailors have brought suit against them. One of the sailors, a Portuguese, has announced his intention of demanding compensation from the government in the chamber for not preventing such a flagrant breach of neutrality.

### RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

One Killed at Moose Jaw and Others Injured in Snow Drifts.  
Derailed in Iowa.

Moose Jaw, Jan. 1.—At 2:45 Sunday morning an excursion train, bound into the caboose of another train, was derailed in a snow drift. The casualties are as follows: John Brashaw, section hand, killed; Gordon Reynolds, brakeman, killed; one man injured, but not seriously. The train was bound for Moose Jaw. A broken rail caused the accident.

### A BOLD BANK ROBBER.

Youth Who Killed President of Bank in Centralia, Wash., Expected to Be Sent to Jail in Other Town.

Centralia, Wash., Jan. 1.—The unidentified youth who held up the Lawrence and Merchants' bank last Saturday and killed its president, Lawrence Barr, is supposed to be a Chicago man, who, after being held up three other banks in the northwest in December.

These banks were the Royal Bank of Vancouver, from which the robber got \$15,000; the Bank of British Columbia, from which he got \$10,000; the Bank of Montreal, from which he got \$10,000; and the Bank of Victoria, from which he got \$10,000.

## CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Little Girl, Aged Twelve, Lost Her Life in Fire at Home in New Year-Eve Drunkeness.

Dalhousie, Alta., Jan. 1.—Two children were burned to death, and a dwelling house destroyed at Laramie in the Quill Lakes district. The fire occurred on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boyden, and when a neighbor who saw the flames reached the place, the remainder of the family was found almost frozen, huddled near some stoves.

One child, Florence, a girl twelve years old, died a heroine. She had escaped from the burning house, and was outside when she remarked that the youngest child, a boy of two years, had not been brought from the burning house. She told her mother of his absence and that putting her on the flames, entered the house. She reached the room in which the infant had been, and found the child lying on the floor. She was able to leave the house the next day, carrying her and pinning her to the ground, while she was turned to death, along with the child she had nearly saved.

## ALBERTA IS AFFECTED BY THE CAR SHORTAGE

Incident Weather Has Been a Serious Handicap to the Railway Companies Especially in the Southern Part of the Province.

Calgary, Jan. 1.—Because the inclement weather delayed the opening of the coal mines in the West, the railway companies are having a very hard time in the movement of their coal. A serious car shortage is being experienced in the West, and with the cold weather prevailing, the situation is becoming more and more serious. The railway companies are having a very hard time in the movement of their coal.

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### VEGETARIAN REUNION.

Annual Meet for Western Members Will Be Held in Winnipeg During the Quarter.

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—At the quarterly meeting of the Vegetarian Union of Canada held at the headquarters of the union in the city of Winnipeg, the annual reunion and convention of the union was held. The exact date has not been fixed but will be announced later.

### GOVERNOR GENERAL HOLDS NEW YEAR LUNCHEON.

Thousand Representative People of the Capital Brought to Banquet.

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—His Excellency the Governor General, Lord Bessborough, held a luncheon at the Rideau Hall, Ottawa, on New Year's day. The luncheon was attended by a large number of representatives of the capital, and was a most successful one.

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## PRINCES MOVED

Commanders of Chinese Northern Army Make Written Demand.

Montreal, Jan. 1.—The Chinese had a busy year in 1911, 1912 being better, and some of the cases involved more than 100 deaths. Over a thousand bodies were brought to the morgue during the year.

### REPORTED THAT EMPEROR FLED

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